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# NZ CURRICULUM

*Informing & Consulting with Parents*

## Values

### WHAT WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO BE:

Students will be encouraged to value:

- # excellence, by aiming high and by persevering in the face of difficulties;
- # innovation, inquiry, and curiosity, by thinking critically, creatively, and reflectively;
- # diversity, as found in our different cultures, languages, and heritages;
- # equity, through fairness and social justice;
- # community and participation for the common good;
- # ecological sustainability, which includes care for the environment;
- # integrity, which involves being honest, responsible, accountable and acting ethically;
- # to respect themselves, others, and human rights.

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The precise ways in which these values find expression in our individual school will be guided by the dialogue between our school and its community. Our values should be evident in our school's philosophy, structures, curriculum, classrooms, and relationships. When the school community has developed strongly held and clearly stated values, these will be seen in everyday actions and interactions within the school.

**Next newsletter covers the Key Competencies plus a feedback form.**



GIVE BODY TO THE DREAM!



### DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

#### Why are values statements important?

Our values are our beliefs about what our school community considers most important for its students so that they will thrive in our diverse and global communities.

When reading the information provided I would like you to consider our current values and how we might link these to the values identified in the new curriculum document. The values from the document are outlined on this page.

Our school vision will be further supported by these values as they will be developed to reflect the beliefs of our own community.

It is important that you take this opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and expectations about the values.

I have asked in your feedback to consider the following key points:

- # what you think the important values are for our students to understand
- # how our students' achievement would improve if these values were guiding teaching and learning
- # how school and community could work together to become more aware of the values and their impact on our students' learning

Please complete the attached form and return to school office

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